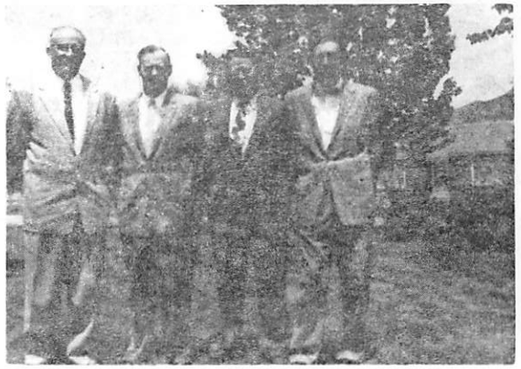
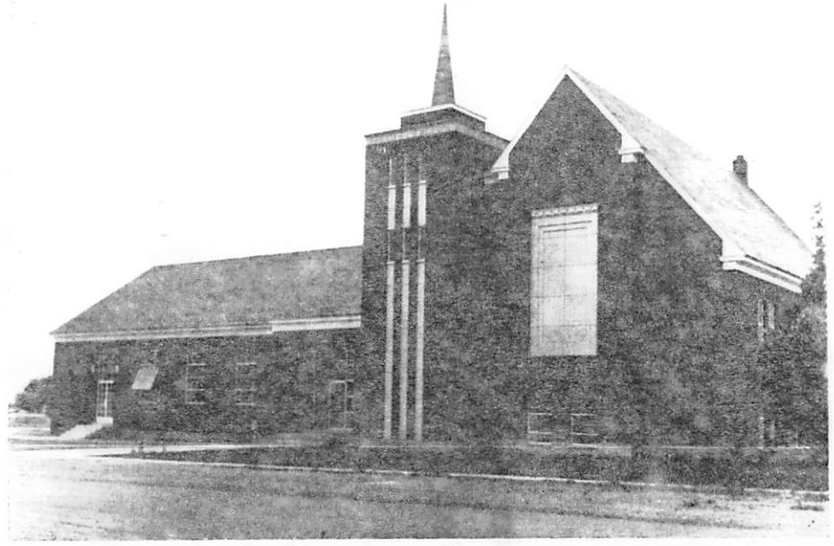


Bishopric of the Midway First Ward, sustained April 24, 1955. From left to right, Bishop Burton Van Wagoner, Leland Ivers and Ray Pyper, counselors and LaVon Hair, clerk.

May 1, 1959, a remodeling job was begun on the old chapel, the old building to be used for a recreational hall and classrooms. A new auditorium, Relief Society room, offices, foyer, and other rooms are on the side of the old chapel. The entire structure is faced with red brick. The old tower was removed and a new steeple built according to modern architecture. The cost of the building was $182,000.



The new Midway First Ward Chapel. Construction began May 1, 1959. The entire old chapel was built into this new structure.

HISTORY OF MIDWAY 2nd WARD

The Midway Second Ward, Wasatch County, consists of the saints residing in the west part of Midway being separated from the Midway 1st Ward by the street running north and southeast of the public square.

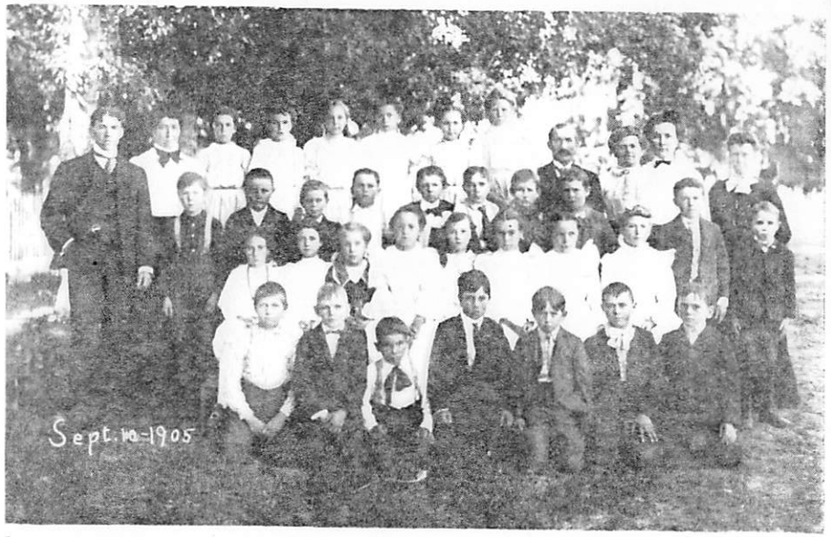
February 8, 1903 at a special evening session presided over by Apostle Mathias F. Cowley, Jacob Probst was chosen Bishop with John A. Fortie, 1st Counselor, George A. Huntington, 2nd Counselor, and John M. Huber, Ward Clerk.

November 20, 1904 John Fortie was released and James B. Wilson chosen in his place December 20, 1904.

A Children's class in the Midway Second Ward Sunday School, Sept. 10, 1905. First row, left to right, Wallburga Besendorfer, Jessie Smith, Retha Murdock, Lora Bronson, Laverna Burgener, Marguerite Alder, Thelma Van Wagoner and Edith Wilson. Second row, Victor Anderson, Wade Krebs, Karl Haney, Fawn Bronson, France Thompson, Francis Probst and Tracy Blood. Third row, Lena Burgener, teacher, Willie Durtschi, Roland Buehler, Carl Anderson, Frank Thompson, Ervin Murdock, Joseph Burgener, Reed Abplanalp, Conrad Boss and Iva Bunnell, teacher.

August 2, 1908 George A. Huntington released and Wilford Van Wagoner sustained in his place.

In 1910 Midway 2nd Ward meetinghouse was partly rebuilt and a two story addition erected and attached to the old meeting house on the rear containing three rooms. The construction of this addition cost the ward $2500. In 1914-1915 the main building was remodeled at a cost of about $8,000.



An intermediate class in the Midway Second Ward Sunday School, Sept. 10, 1905. Front row, left to right, Karl Burgener, Tipton Epperson, Frank Mitchell, Arthur Wilson, Willie Sulser, Francis Buehler, Ephraim Buehler. Second row, Beatrice Alder, Lacey Abplanalp, Zella Van Wagoner, Rachel Provost, Floris Smith, Blanche Thompson, Ida Kohler, Clara Buehler, Parley Probst, Vern Probst. Third row, Walter Buehler, Albert Kohler, Joseph Probst, Sterling Morton, Clarence Probst, Lester Blood, William Mitchel, Joseph Schoney. Fourth row, Joseph Huber and Rosa Hasler, teachers: Ida Boss, Ruby Watkins, Vera Epperson, Christina Besendorfer, Merle Burgener and Frona Krebs. Other teachers: John Burgener, Eliza L. Kohler, Leah Kohler and Ruth O'Niel.

October 28, 1917 at an evening session of stake conference James B. Wilson was released as 1st Counselor and Wilford Van Wagoner was set apart as 1st Counselor with George A. Davis as 2nd Counselor.

October 19, 1924 George A. Davis moved away. His position as 2nd Counselor was filled by Samuel S. Cluff who served until August 19, 1928. On September 30, 1928 Wilford Van Wagoner was released. Frederick Hasler and John N. Carroll were sustained as counselors.

December 31, 1930 numerical value, 372 souls.

Sunday, September 1, 1935, Bishop Jacob Probst after 32 years of efficient service was released. Nephi Probst was made Bishop with Alma Huber and LeRoy Huffaker counselors and Elmer Kohler, Ward Clerk.

Fire broke out in the furnace room in the ward chapel on October 27, 1936 and did considerable damage, but repairs were begun at once and meetings were resumed in the chapel December 6, 1936 with a complete new paint job, a new heating system and other improvements and additions.

September 15, 1937 Nephi Probst was sustained as counselor in the

The adult class of the Midway Second Ward Sunday School, Sept. 10, 1905. First row, left to right, Amos Epperson, Henry Zenger, Laurence Epperson, Arnold Burgener, David Murdock, Ernest Probst, William Mathews and son Leonard. Second row, Fredrick Hasler, Ulrich Probst, Nephi Huber, Carson O. Smith and Alma Burgener. Third row, Mary (Mayme) Culmer, Bessie Huntington, George Huntington and twins, George Ross and William Rex, Jacob Probst, Acie Provost, Myrtle Abplanalp and Leah Kohler. Fourth row, Clara Durtschi, Ida Sonderegger, Emma Sonderegger, Luella Epperson, Jane (Jennie) Greenwell, Mary Jane Abplanalp, Lunicia Mathews and Lena Keener. Officers and teachers of the Sunday School are also included in this group.

Wasatch Stake Presidency. George A. Huntington and James B. Wilson were released from the High Council. Reed Kohler was sustained as a member of the High Council.

September 26, 1937 the ward was reorganized with Alma Huber, Bishop, LeRoy Huffaker, 1st Counselor, Joseph E. Probst, 2nd Counselor, and Elmer Kohler, Ward Clerk.

During October and November, 1938 changes and improvements were made in the chapel. The floor and walls were painted in the auditorium. Drapes were placed at the windows, carpets in the aisles and the seats were stained and varnished.

September, 1945 Joseph L. Jorgensen was sustained as Bishop with Elmer Kohler, 1st Counselor, Ray Gertsch, 2nd Counselor, and Wilburn Huffaker, Ward Clerk.

March 9, 1952, the ward was reorganized with Elmer Kohler, Bishop, Ray Gertsch, 1st Counselor, Wilburn Huffaker, 2nd Counselor, and Kay Probst, Ward Clerk.

March 21, 1955 a new chapel was begun by tearing down the back part of the old one and remodeling the front part which was built in